




JOIN US IN THE CLEC ON  
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS  
STARTING THIS WEEK




September 4, 2016

Welcome from Pastor Bob

**GO BEYOND  
EVERYDAY SAYINGS  
AND EXPERIENCE THE  
FULL MESSAGE OF JESUS**



**KEYS TO A HEALTHY  
AND SUCCESSFUL  
MARRIAGE**



**WORSHIP ARTS FOR KIDS  
AMPLIFY BIBLE  
STUDY FOR STUDENTS**

COME AT 6 PM FOR REFRESHMENTS  
& TIME TOGETHER IN THE MARIPOSA  
CAFE. CLASSES START AT 6:30 PM

**SIGN UP ON THE CONNECT CARD**

Welcome to St. Paul United Methodist Church! I'm glad you're worshipping with us today! Our Wednesday night classes start this week! I'm so excited to be teaching a class with my wife, Patti. It will be a great chance for us to dig deep and strengthen our marriage along with all the other couples attending. I truly believe that every marriage requires work and God's help to succeed! We also have a Half Truths study that will help us re-examine some of the Christian "clichés" that we often say without thinking more deeply, and next week our GriefShare support group for those who've lost loved ones begins. If you plan to join us for any of these classes or groups, please fill out the Connect Card today!

Take a look at this bulletin for information about other upcoming events and ways you can Grow in Faith and Give in Love. I invite you to visit our website at [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org), or stop by the Connection Center off the side of the sanctuary lobby if you would like to know more about us and our ministries.

Thank you for being part of the Lord's work here at St. Paul. With God's help there is nothing we can't do!



Bob Martin, Senior Pastor

**Glorify God ♥ Grow in Faith ♥ Give in Love**



## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP at 9 AM

- Prelude *Be Still* by J. Cotter Aaron Cassette, Accompanist
- Welcome
- \*Greet *Oh How He Loves You And Me*
- \*Call to Worship
- Leader: Now is the moment of grace. This is the hour of blessing.  
**People: Today is the day of salvation. Here is the path to new life.**  
 Leader: Already joy is abounding, and love is flowing.  
**People: For this is the day God is making. Let us rejoice and sing.**
- \*Hymns *God of Grace and God of Glory* No. 577  
*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* No. 632
- \*Apostles' Creed No. 881
- Prayer with Lord's Prayer No. 895
- Offertory *Let Us Break Bread Together* Sanctuary Choir
- \*Doxology *Praise God, From Whom...* No. 94
- \*Prayer of Thanksgiving
- \*Transitional Hymn *Lord Speak to Me* No. 463
- Message "God's Return on Investment" Pastor Bob Martin  
 Matthew 25:14-30
- Directed Prayer
- Holy Communion
- \*Closing Hymn *My Hope is Built* No. 368
- \*Benediction
- \*Postlude *Rise, O Jerusalem* by J. Cotter

\*Please stand, if you are able.

If you need assistance, let an usher know.

Baby changing tables are located in both men and women's restrooms.

This Sunday's 9 AM Greeters: Darlene Coburn & Evelyn Sukosd

This Sunday's 10:30 AM Greeters: Deb Byrnes, Sharon Hermann  
 and Kathy Seitz

### VISITING US TODAY?

If you're visiting us today, welcome! We hope you find St. Paul a comfortable place to worship and that you feel God's love. To find out more about us we invite you to:



#### VISIT OUR CONNECTION CENTER

If you have questions or would like to talk to someone about St. Paul and what we offer, visit the Connection Center to the side of the lobby.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [www.stpaulumc.org](http://www.stpaulumc.org)



JOIN OUR MAILING LIST



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### Making a Prayer Request

We have included a prayer request section on the Connect Card in this bulletin. If you have a prayer request, write it on the Connect Card, tear off, and drop it at the Connection Center or in the offering plate. You can also call our prayer line at any time: 559-PRAY (7729).

### Hear Our Prayer

Please pray for the people listed below with immediate prayer needs:

Abinash	Josh DeLoan
Al Misuraca	Julie & Lillyann
Allison and Elise Hall	Karen
Anita	Kat Farhangi
Arwen J.	Kenneth A.
Audrey and Michelle	Kim Morris
Axton J.	Kristi Burslem
Barb, Doris, Amy	Lee Heskentrants
Bev & family	Lennox J.
Bob Jesop	Leslie, Laura & Scott
Bobby Quinton	Libby Burke
Bonnie Wismer	Linda Mangano
Brad Jones	Lorraine Portier
Brian Smith	Lori
Caitlynn Timberlake	Lynn
Carl J.	Maria, Mike Family
Carole Popaden	Mark LaPolla
Carolyn	Mary
Cathy, Leslee	Megan & Jake
Chad	Melinda, Brandi & girls
Charlotte	Michael Ruchak
Dale & Florita	Michelle & Bill
Dave	Mom has cancer
Dave & Kathy Du-brock	Nadia Davis
David	Nicole McKenna
Diane Bloom	Nicole & David Seitz
Do, Dave	Noreen
Dot & Walt Lipmann	Patrick McMillan
Duane Wells	Paul Howell
Gian, Dolly	Penny McElea
Gilbert Quinn	Peter
Glenda Neville	Rich Stemboroski
Greg, Meg & Jackson	Samantha
Heather, Kevin & baby boy	Shirley
Isabella H.	Son's family
Jace Miachel	Steve Harvey
Jack, Jerry & family	Steve Pisczynski
Jackson	Thomas & Suzanne
Jean Postel	Peach
Jenny Walter	Tina H.
Jim Lucky	Todd Smyzer
John A. and Joan H.	Travis Ward
John Dibble	Val Barg
John Fady	Wanda Barker
Josh Cypress	Wayne Boyd
	Windell White
	Zackary Kueker

## 10:30 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

A typical contemporary worship at St. Paul lasts about an hour. Worship is filled with current Christian music from our praise band. You are invited to sing along with the words on the screens, or simply enjoy the music. You'll notice there is a time in our worship to give financially. This is how we support the ministries and missions of our church. We hope you experience the love of God with us today!



ABOUT  
60 MIN.



PASSIONATE  
MUSIC



NO  
PRESSURE

### Online Giving

One way to prioritize your giving is to set up recurring contributions online. It's convenient and easy to set up on our website! You can also use our online giving page to make one time gifts or additional gifts, and pay for things like worship flowers, class study materials and more. Visit our website, [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org) and click the Giving button, or use this QR code.



### Flowers

Today's flowers were given by:

- ♥ Peg McConnell in loving memory of her husband, Jim, on his birthday

Do you have an event or person you would like to honor with flowers? You can give a flower bouquet to the Glory of God. Call the church office at 584-8165, visit the Giving page on our website, or e-mail [church@stpaulumc.org](mailto:church@stpaulumc.org). Bouquets are \$40. Be sure to include your inscription with your order. Flowers can be donated to hospitals and the homebound, or picked up after 10:30 a.m. worship on Sunday or at the church office during the week.

### Deaths

Please pray for the family and friends of Dale and Florita Anderson's daughter, Shawn Virgil Singleton who recently passed on to life eternal.

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Date: September 4, 2016 9 AM 10:30 AM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a:

- 1st Time Guest  2nd Time Guest
- Regular Attendee  Member(s)
- Winter Resident
- Please update my information.

I came today because:

- I drove by  I visited the website
- I've been here before  I received a mailing
- I was invited by \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to join your e-mail list:

- Weekly Pastor's E-Note  Growth Guide
- This Week at St. Paul Newsletter
- Youth  Children
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Be sure to put your e-mail address at the top of the card!

How can we pray for you?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- For Military Prayer List
- Do NOT publish in bulletin.
- Include on prayer chain.
- I would like to connect with a Stephen Minister.

**Don't forget to fill out the other side!**

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I am interested in:

- Rededicating my life to Jesus
- Being baptized
- Becoming a member
- Joining a Source Group
- Serving at the church

How: \_\_\_\_\_

- Serving in the community

How: \_\_\_\_\_

- Learning more about St. Paul ministries

Specifically: \_\_\_\_\_

- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I need a name tag for:

(Name tags can be picked up in the Connection Center to the side of the lobby two weeks after your request is placed.)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to volunteer to help with:

- 10:30 AM Greet     10:30 AM Communion
- 9 AM Usher     10:30 AM Usher
- Rummage Sale Pick-Ups
- Stephen Ministry
- Church Breakfast on Oct. 2
- Homeless Feeding: One Sunday per month

I will attend:

- GriefShare Support Group: Sept. 14  
Cost of required class workbook: \$18
- Marriage Enrichment Class: Sept. 7. Cost: \$20
- Half Truths Study: Sept 7. Cost: \$10

Remember to fill out the other side with your name and contact info!

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# NEXT STEPS

Want to know more about St. Paul, meet new people, or get more involved? TAKE THE NEXT STEP!



## CONNECTION CENTER

Our Connection Center is located in the room to the side of the sanctuary. Stop by if you have any questions, need information, or would like to speak to someone about St. Paul.

## DISCOVER ST. PAUL

Discover St. Paul is an informal lunch focused on who we are as a church, our mission, core values, a tour of the facilities, and a chance to meet some of our staff and new people who are also interested in the church.



## STARTING POINT CLASS

This four week class covers basics of our faith. For anyone who is new to attending church or is coming back to church. Starting Point is currently meeting in room 204 of the preschool building at 9 a.m. on Sundays.



## ONGOING GROUPS

- Age level groups (ex. JOY, IGNITE)
- Source Groups (Small groups of twelve or less)
- Sunday School



## SHORT TERM GROUPS

- Topical classes covering things like
  - ⇒ Finance
  - ⇒ Parenting
  - ⇒ Caretaking
- Topical and seasonal Bible studies and

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

**WWW.STPAULUMC.ORG**

for more information about our ministries.



Adult Studies

Adult Sunday Morning Classes

Adults of any age are invited to join one of our Sunday school classes.

10:15 a.m. Sunday school classes

Inspirations - Purple Door Classroom (101) in Bldg C

Crusaders - Conference Room 1 in Bldg B

Friendship - Room 201 (Community Room) in CLEC

Bereans - Room 101 (Carpenter's Room) in CLEC

JOY (Just Older Youth)

Older adults are invited to join us at 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday in the Christian Life Enrichment Center for worship, study and fellowship. This Tuesday, September 6, Bobby Van Duyne will teach. For information contact Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne at 584-8165 x233.



IGNITE: Adults Ages 18-35

Our IGNITE group for adults ages 18-35 meets tonight at 7 p.m. in the IGNITE Room (202) of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. E-mail IGNITE leader, Felix Koutsourais at c24go1@aol.com for more.



United Methodist Women: Rachel-Lydia

The Rachel-Lydia group meets at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept 8 in the Carpenter's Room 101, of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. The monthly meeting will encourage and share strong UMW ministries, including a devotional, Bible comment, UMW Response Magazine, special prayers, and a program entitled "Amazing Fall Forward, the Dennis Fund Memorial Pediatric Mission!" Refreshments will be served. New faces are welcome!

Flip Flop Support Group

This support group for families with loved ones in prison, or who have been released from prison, meets Friday, September 16 at 6 p.m. in the Carpenter's Room 101 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Call Kathy Farhangi for more information: 288-4912.



Aubrey Reece Memorial Service  
Wednesday, September 7 at 10 a.m.  
Bay Pines National Cemetery





## Student Ministry

6th-12th Grade  
Alison Van Duyne, Student Ministry  
Director, [alison.v@stpaulumc.org](mailto:alison.v@stpaulumc.org)

 SPUMCLighthouse

**Children** *Infant- 5th Grade, Kaitie Johnson,*  
*Director of Children's Ministry, [Kaitie.j@stpaulumc.org](mailto:Kaitie.j@stpaulumc.org)*

### Sunday Morning: Lil' Kidz Care

Lil' Kidz Care is available every Sunday for infants to 4-year-olds, at 8:45 a.m. in the nursery building (Bldg B) next to the sanctuary. Sign in and be given a pick-up card that you will need to pick-up your child.

Sunday Morning: Preschool & K-5  
Kids ages 3-5 and K-5th grade are invited to join us in the Children's Ministry Center in **Bldg C at both 9 and 10:30 a.m. for Children's Worship** and age-appropriate lessons.



Worship Arts on Wednesdays Starts this Week  
Children in K-5th grade are invited to join us on Wednesday nights starting this Wednesday. Each week kids will have the opportunity to sing, and worship God in creative ways. Kids will also have the opportunity to share the songs they've learned during our worship.

Drop off begins at 6 p.m. in the Mariposa Café (Christian Life Enrichment Center). We'll have snacks and then move to Room 243 of the CLEC. Pick-up is at 7:30 p.m. in Room 243 (Arts and Crafts Room)

Parents are invited to attend one our adult studies or groups held at the same time. See page 7.

### SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP



#### TONIGHT: THE THING

**Bottom Line: Happiness is more about *who* than *what*.** We all love to have the newest and coolest stuff. The upgraded iPhone, the newest fashion trend, the fastest model car—we'd all like to get our hands on the latest and greatest things on the market. And when we see people who have all the things we want, it's easy to convince ourselves that we'd be happier if we could have what they have. But here's a secret: most of the people you know who have all the things you want aren't as happy as you think they are. In fact, some of them may not be happy at all. That's because there's only one thing truly happy people really need, and it isn't something you can really even see. That one thing is peace. Peace is what all truly happy people possess, and the good news is that it's available to us, too! As we look this week at the book of Matthew, we'll find that not only does Jesus want us to have peace in our lives, but He also tells us exactly what we can do to get there. And as we heed his advice to take our eyes off of the *what* and focus instead on the *who*, we'll find ourselves beginning to be transformed by the peace that brings true happiness.

Students are invited to join us in the Mariposa Cafe at 5:30 p.m. for dinner each Sunday. Dinner is \$3. Students must pre-register by the Weds. before by filling out the online form on [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org). After dinner students branch out for group games, exciting crowd breakers, passionate worship, biblical teaching, and a chance to connect with others through Source Groups. Time together ends at 8 p.m.

#### Wednesday Nights: Amplify

Starting This Weds. | 6—7:30 p.m. | Youth Room  
Students are invited to a Wednesday Bible study to get into God's Word. Students will hang out, play in the gym and have a Bible study in the Youth Room. Snacks provided.

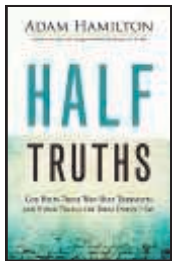
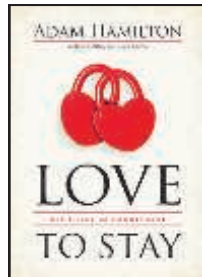
## Wednesday Nights Start This Week

Starting this Wednesday, we have studies and activities planned for all age groups on Wednesday nights. Join us in the Mariposa Café at 6 p.m. for fellowship and snacks, then at 6:30 p.m. make your way to one of the classes or groups below.

### Marriage Enrichment Class "Love to Stay"

Community Room (201)

What is it that makes a marriage last? Pastor Bob and his wife, Patti, offer a marriage enrichment class that will offer an opportunity for couples to dig deeper and find the abiding truth that will help marriage last forever. Please sign up on the Connect Card if you and your spouse plan to be part of this eight week study. Cost is \$20 for the book.



### Half Truths Study—Mariposa Cafe

This Adam Hamilton study examines common Christian clichés and phrases like "God helps those who help themselves" and "God won't give you more than you can handle" and compares them to the message and ministry of Jesus. The study deepens our understanding of God, our relationship with our Creator, and our relationships with each other. Cost of the book is \$10.

### Grief Share Support Group

Wednesdays at 6 p.m. starting September 14

GriefShare is a weekly grief support group that will meet in the Ignite Room (202) of the Christian Life Enrichment Center starting September 14. The group is open to anyone over the age of 18 who has suffered the death of a loved one, and offers an opportunity to share the journey through grief with others who understand how you feel. All of the group leaders have suffered a loss of their own and have been where you are now. Weekly meetings include informational videos from grief recovery experts, small group discussion and support, and a workbook with personal study exercises and more. The cost of the workbook is \$18. This group is open to the public, so if you know of anyone who is dealing with grief, please share the group information.

If you're interested in attending any of these classes or groups, call the church office at 727-584-8165 or fill out the Connect Card in this bulletin. Childcare is provided.



### Homeless Feeding Ministry

We need volunteer servers who will serve the homeless one weekend a month from 3:30 to 6 p.m. on Sundays. Tasks involve lifting large pans of food, visiting with our guests and helping to clean up. If you can help, please fill out the Connect Card on page 4.

### Arts and Crafts Show Volunteers Needed

The 21st annual Home-spun by Hands and Hearts Arts and Crafts Show is October 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Christian Life Enrichment Center. We need lots of volunteers to help set up for the event, as well as volunteer on the day of the event. We have jobs for all ages and abilities. Choose a shift to help for a few hours if you can't stay the whole day. To look at all the jobs we need help with, or sign up to help, visit our website: [www.stpaulumc.org](http://www.stpaulumc.org)



### Open Arms Needs Toilet Paper

In addition to food and clothes, Open Arms distributes personal necessities like diapers and toilet paper that are not covered by food stamps and other assistance. We are currently in need of toilet paper. The next time you're at the store, think about buying an extra pack of toilet paper for someone in need. You can leave your donations in the blue shopping cart in the sanctuary lobby on Sunday or the church office during the week.

### Nursery Volunteers

We need nursery volunteers to help take care of the younger children during Sunday worship. If you're interested, contact our Children's Ministry Director, Kaitie Johnson at [kaitie.j@stpaulumc.org](mailto:kaitie.j@stpaulumc.org) and 727-584-8165 x238 for more information about the requirements of being involved in our Children's Ministry.

### Emmaus Gathering


If you're interested in the Walk to Emmaus, a three day experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation, or you have done an Emmaus Walk in the past, you're invited to join us for the Emmaus Gathering on Saturday, September 17 in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall (CLEC). Bring your favorite dish for a pot luck, followed by worship. Doors open at 5 p.m. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m.

# CHURCH-WIDE FUNDRAISERS

This year's budget includes two church-wide fundraisers to support the ministries of St. Paul. We're excited about both of these opportunities to get together as a church, have some fun, and fund our St. Paul budget! This is also a great way to introduce new people to St. Paul so be sure to invite someone!

## SECOND ANNUAL AUCTION TO BENEFIT ST. PAUL: OCT. 2


This year we're holding our auction on World Communion Sunday, October 2. We will worship together as one St. Paul family during combined worship at 9 a.m. After worship we'll have breakfast together in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall. The silent auction will be held during breakfast, followed by a live auction of a few "big ticket items." It's going to be a lot of fun, but we need your help to pull it off!


 Donate items for the auction. We have tags available in the sanctuary lobby with some suggested donations that can be combined to make gift baskets. Take one and drop off your donations in the church office or put gift cards in the offering plate. Is there a business you can approach about making a donation? Think outside the box!



We are looking for donations of:

- **Big Ticket Items:** Hotel stays, time share stays, cars, boats, golf outings, event tickets, sports memorabilia, etc. Donations are tax-deductible so if you have a "big ticket item" you are planning to sell, you can write it off and let the church sell it for you!
- **Gift Cards:** Restaurants, grocery stores, movies, gas cards, etc.
- **Professional Services:** Lawyers, car detailing, tree trimming, etc.

 Help distribute flyers. Take a few flyers from the table in the lobby and drop them off at businesses or community centers. Let's get the word out!

 Help with Breakfast  
We need cooks, servers and people to help set-up and clean-up the breakfast. If you can help, fill out the Connect Card on page 4.



## GOLF TOURNAMENT: NOV 5

On Saturday, November 5, we are hosting a golf tournament at the Bardmoor Golf and Tennis Club! The tournament is a best ball scramble format with prizes for both men and women. There are lots of ways to get involved:

### Put Together a Foursome and Play Golf

Golf, cart and lunch is \$100 per player. You can pick up a registration form for foursomes in the sanctuary lobby today, or the church office during the week.

### We Need Hole Sponsors

Hole sponsorship is \$100 and includes a sign on the course and a listing in the event brochure. Businesses, families, or individuals can sponsor a hole. We have letters at the church office and in the Connection Center that you can use to approach a business or individual that might be interested in sponsoring, as well as sponsor sign-up forms.

### Help the Day of the Tournament

We'll need help signing people in, directing people through the course and more. You can sign up to help on the Connect Card!





## Coming this Week

### Sunday, September 4

Courtyard Coffee	8:30 AM
<b>Lil' Kidz Nursery</b>	8:30 AM
Traditional Worship	9:00 AM
Children's Worship	9:00 AM
Starting Point	9:00 AM
Bereans	10:15 AM
Crusaders	10:15 AM
Friendship	10:15 AM
Inspirations	10:15 AM
Contemporary Worship	10:30 AM
Children's Worship	10:30 AM
Homeless Feeding	3:30 PM
Youth	5:30 PM
IGNITE	7:00 PM

### Monday, September 5

Boy Scouts	7:00 PM
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### Tuesday, September 6

<b>Sonrise Men's Study</b>	6:30 AM
JOY (Just Older Youth)	10:30 AM

### Wednesday, September 7

Students' Amplify	6:00 PM
Handicapable	6:15 PM
Half Truths	6:30 PM
Love to Stay	6:30 PM
Children's Worship Arts	6:30 PM
Volleyball	7:45 PM

### Thursday, September 8

Men's Bible Study	7:00 AM
UMW: Rachel-Lydia	10:00 AM
Prayer Shawl	5:30 PM
Handbells Rehearsal	5:30 PM
Intercessory Prayer	6:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
AA Meeting	7:00 PM

### Friday, September 9

*Church Office Closed*  
**Students: Night of Joy**

### Saturday, September 10

Basketball	8:15 AM
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 Due to space not all events are listed here. Visit our website [www.stpaulumc.org](http://www.stpaulumc.org) for our full calendar.



## STEPHEN MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

This week we are highlighting four Stephen Ministers who returned to Stephen Ministry after some time serving in other ways.

Lois Hansen originally took her training with her husband Carl in the 90's.

Both served for several years before going on to serve in other areas. In 2013, Lois decided to return to Stephen Ministry and has actively ministered to several care receivers. Lois currently sings in the choir, makes hospital visits every Monday, is one of the church money counters, and a mentor to many.



*Lois Hansen*

Kay Lashbrook is a Stephen Minister who participated in training in 2004. Kay now sings in the choir and is a money counter for the church. Kay returned to Stephen Ministry in 2015 and has a care receiver that she visits weekly. Kay has a strong faith that has seen her through times of trouble.



*Kay Lashbrook*

Jean Arms came to St. Paul in 1999, took her Stephen Ministry training in 2000 and served as a Stephen Minister and as a Stephen Leader. Jean and her husband, John, moved to Tennessee for several years, then returned in 2013. Jean immediately returned to Stephen Ministry and has served several care receivers since. Jean is in the United Methodist Women's Rachel-Lydia Group, facilitated the GriefShare support group earlier this year and volunteers in our Open Arms Resource Center. **Jean's faith is an active part of her daily life.**



*Jean Arms*

Donna Stevens originally took her training through Pasadena Community Church. When she joined St. Paul in 2013, she **decided that she would like to join the St. Paul's Stephen Ministry.** Seeing what excellent training our Stephen Ministers receive, Donna decided to go through our training class in 2015-2016. She is actively serving care receivers. Donna is a stabilizing faith influence to our Stephen Ministers, bringing her grace and peace to us when we need it most.



*Donna Stevens*

These four people answered the call to care. They decided to use their past experience to serve in the present. Do you feel the call to do the same? Please prayerfully consider using your life experience to help others by joining the Stephen Ministry caring ministry.

Come get your questions answered and speak to Stephen Ministers about their experiences at the Stephen Ministry *Meet and Greet* session next Sunday, September 11 at 3 p.m. in room 201 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Training begins October 17.

# Good News



## Update on Missionary Carolyn Goodwin

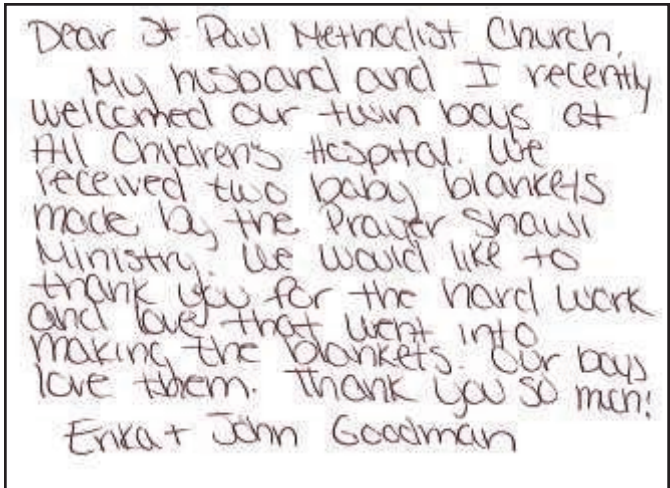
Carolyn Goodwin, a St. Paul member who has been serving as a Mission Society missionary in South Sudan has been displaced by the violence there. She reports that by **God's grace she and the other Methodist missions folk** she has been working with in Yei are safe. They have been staying in Kenya for the past several weeks but on Wednesday, August 24, Carolyn and the others left for Entebbe, Uganda to meet with people from the FS South Sudan United Methodist Church. From Entebbe, Carolyn tells us they are driving to Arua, Uganda to the refugee camp where some of the Yei camp staff and children are. They will volunteer to help at this refugee camp, then if the Lord permits, they hope to go back to Yei for a short trip to take care of a few things at the hospital and the prison where some of their mission work was being done. Carolyn will be using some of the money that remained after providing shoes to the orphanage in Yei to provide food for the children in the Arua refugee camp.

Please continue to pray for peace and reconciliation for South Sudan and for the safety and protection of Carolyn and the other **mission folks who were spreading God's love to the South Sudanese people in Yei and surrounding villages.**



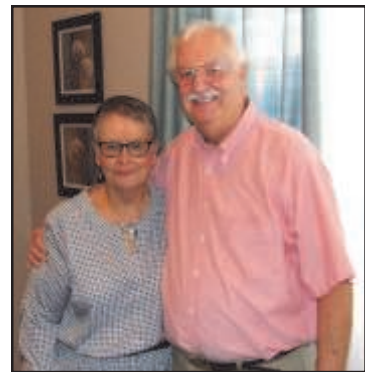
## Prayer Shawl Ministry Receives Thank You

In addition to prayer shawls, our Prayer Shawl Ministry is also involved in making hats and gloves for the homeless, making baby blankets for All Children's Hospital, and other projects. They recently received a sweet thank you from one of the families touched by their ministry.



## Welcome Our New Members

St. Paul continues to grow as we welcomed three new members last Sunday, August 28. Received into membership were Kinga and Duke Low, and Anne Darl, who joined in absentia.



Please welcome our new members when you see them and make them feel at home!

One of the most effective ways to reach someone for the Lord is to simply invite them to worship with you! If you have family members or friends who are without a church home, why not ask them to join you one Sunday?

The Reverend Bob Martin, Senior Pastor  
The Reverend Pam Dubov, Minister of Outreach and Missions



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